

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF PAUL	*	
MCDERMOTT FINAMORE,	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
PETER HAUCK PLAMONDON, JR.,	*	
AND JAMES NELSON PLAMONDON	*	FOR
ON BEHALF OF MAPLE LAWN, SPE	*	
LLC, T/A RESIDENCE INN FULTON,	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
FOR A NEW CLASS D, BEER AND	*	
LIGHT WINE 7-DAY ON-SALE	*	Case No.:19-06
LICENSE	*	

DECISION AND ORDER

The Board of License Commissioners for Howard County, Maryland (the “Liquor Board”), pursuant to Rule 1.02(A) of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, has delegated the authority to hear and decide cases to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board for Howard County, Maryland (the “Hearing Board”).

On February 6, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of Paul McDermott Finamore, Peter Hauck Plamondon, Jr., and James Nelson Plamondon (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Maple Lawn, SPE LLC, t/a Residence Inn Fulton (“Residence Inn”), for a new Class D, Beer and Light Wine 7-Day On-Sale License for a 78,972-square foot hotel with a 1,916-square foot outdoor patio located at 11800 West Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759.

The hearing was properly advertised and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by Thomas Meachum, Esquire. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Peter Plamondon, Jr., applicant for the liquor license, was sworn and testified before the Board.

Mr. Plamondon testified that he is part of a second-generation family business that is involved in the fast food restaurant chain Roy Rogers and in the hotel business with Marriott and Hilton as franchisees. He stated that this will be the tenth hotel that their company is involved in and the sixth in the State of Maryland, all of which are select service brands based on a rooms-only operation with complimentary breakfasts and a small marketplace for snacks. He testified that most of the clientele are business travelers. He stated that the 90% owner of Maple Lawn, SPE LLC, is Maple Lawn Holdings, LLC, of which he and his brother James Plamondon are the only members.

Mr. Plamondon testified that his company has had three alcohol violations in Frederick County; one involving a change of manager they failed to notify the local board about, which resulted in a warning; a failure to notify about remodeling which resulted in a \$100 fine; and an older violation of service to a minor for which Frederick County can find no record.

Mr. Plamondon further testified that he is alcohol awareness certified and is familiar with the Howard County Rules and Regulations regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages and that all managers and front desk staff at the hotel will be TIPS certified. He stated that alcohol will be sold from a small marketplace next to the front desk up until 11:00 pm and can be taken back to the customer's rooms or consumed in the lobby or in the patio adjacent to the lobby which is visible from the front desk through a bank of windows.

Paul Finamore, ten percent interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn and testified before the Board. Mr. Finamore testified that he is a 20-year resident of Howard County

and a registered voter. He said he is a practicing attorney and was formerly in the Army JAG Corps. He testified that he plans to spot check the alcohol sales at the hotel and that he has taken an alcohol awareness course.

The following exhibit was submitted into the record as Applicants' Exhibit #1

- *Alcohol Awareness Training Certificate for Mr. Finamore*

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicants waived their rights to request the Liquor Board to hear the case.

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Paul McDermott Finamore, Peter Hauck Plamondon, Jr., and James Nelson Plamondon on behalf of Maple Lawn, SPE LLC, t/a Residence Inn Fulton, have applied for a Class D, Beer and Light Wine 7-day, on-sale license for a 78,972-square foot hotel with a 1,916-square foot outdoor patio located at 11800 West Market Place Fulton, MD 20759.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Mr. Finamore, the resident agent applicant, has been a Howard County resident for more than two years and is a registered voter.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Paul McDermott Finamore, Peter Hauck Plamondon, Jr., and James Nelson Plamondon on behalf of Maple Lawn, SPE LLC, t/a Residence Inn Fulton, have applied for a Class D, Beer and Light Wine 7-day, on-sale license for a 78,972-square foot hotel with a 1,916-square foot outdoor patio located at 11800 West Market Place Fulton, MD 20759.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Mr. Finamore meets the requirements of Rules 1.10(S), 1.10(T), and 2.06 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 26th day of February, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Paul McDermott Finamore, Peter Hauck Plamondon, Jr., and James Nelson Plamondon on behalf of Maple Lawn, SPE LLC, t/a Residence Inn Fulton, for a Class D, Beer and Light Wine 7-day, on-sale license for a 78,972-square foot hotel with a 1,916-square foot outdoor patio located at 11800 West Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

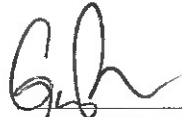
- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by May 21, 2019, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

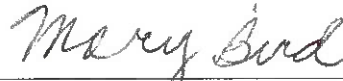
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~~Absent AT TIME OF SIGNING~~

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ABSENT

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